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DEPARTMENT PASS TO DEFENSE FOR AMBASSADOR KOMER AND  
ASD/ISA MCGIFFERT-- USNATO FOR AMBASSADOR BENNET AND  
DR. LEGERE

SECDEF HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

E. O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: UK MPOL NATO CA  
SUBJECT: LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM--UK SUPPORT FOR US  
POSITION VIS-A-VIS CANADIAN LTDP COUNTER-  
PROPOSAL

REF: OTTAWA 2280

1. A VERY SENIOR UK MOD OFFICIAL (WHO ASKED FOR  
COMPLETE ANONYMITY) ALLOWED POL-MIL ATTACHE TO READ  
THE MEMO OF CONVERSATION AND THE MINUTE COVERING PRIME  
MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S TALK WITH PAUL MARTIN, THE  
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ON 4 MAY. THE PRIME MINISTER  
WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT TRUDEAU'S VIEWS ON THE LTDP  
AND ITS ROLE IN THE SUMMIT ARE INTENDED TO BE CON-  
STRUCTIVE, TOOK NEVERTHELESS A VERY STRONG LINE  
ARGUING AGAINST THE CANADIAN LTDP COUNTERPROPOSAL,  
MAKING MANY SIMILAR POINTS TO THOSE IN REFTEL.

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2. CALLAGHAN ALSO MADE PERSONAL APPEAL TO TRUDEAU  
URGING HIM TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP PRESIDENT  
CARTER MAKE WASHINGTON SUMMIT A CLEARLY VISIBLE SUCCESS.  
IN THIS CONTEXT, CALLAGHAN ARGUED THAT LTDP IS CENTRAL  
TO THAT SUCCESS AND THAT HMG AGREES STRONGLY WITH US  
ON THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE LTDP WHILE NOT

NECESSARILY SUBSCRIBING TO EVERY DETAIL OF EVERY  
SPECIFIC PROPOSAL.

3. OUR INTERLOCUTOR COMMENTED THAT HE HAD SHOWN US THE  
RECORD OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVENTION IN BEHALF  
OF THE LTDP BECAUSE HE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT THE UK  
VERY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE BASIC THRUST OF THE LTDP  
INITIATIVES.

STREATOR

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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